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## Speed Urged On New Water Districts As Whole Southland Hears Warning

The good fortune of Torrance in having an adequate local water supply and Metropolitan Water District membership on which to fall back was brought to light as Southern California was warned that "lack of water" is the only thing that will stop future development and growth.

The voice of caution came from James Mussatti, general manager of the State Chamber of Commerce, who said that Los Angeles "may well begin taking measures for conservation."

Meanwhile, as the Southern California water leaders were discussing the water problems of the state at the Biltmore hotel Friday, residents of two sections of Torrance were waiting for some action in their water districts to take advantage of the supply already available to Torrance.

The original Torrance Municipal Water district was standing by ready to construct a 12-inch pipeline from the local plant to Sepulveda Blvd. and Madrona ave. to supply water to the new district formed in Southwest Torrance, but to date no action has been taken by the City Council. The suggestion that such a line be built was made more than one month ago by Manager William Stanger.

Stanger urged construction of the line to permit service to the new district of Metropolitan Water district supply, due to the exorbitant cost of building a pipeline from Oak St., Lomita, to WALTERIA. It was pointed out by Stanger that the line which he proposes to build could be taken right to the edge of the new district, and then a feeder line could be built by the new district which would serve the entire area.

The latest report from Taylor and Taylor, water engineers, regarding the Southwest Torrance district, was that they were making a recheck of valuations there.

Likewise, it was pointed out, North Torrance residents are being held up on formation of their new district due to a recheck of valuations. The figures are supposed to be in the hands

of the City Council next Tuesday.

Other cities of the coastal area are experiencing difficulty with their water supply, and Torrance should lose no time in working out its local district problems so that the people of North Torrance and Southwest Torrance may have the benefit of the supply which is waiting to flow into their proposed water lines, it was pointed out.

## Veteran Service Report Is Given By Local Center

The Torrance Area Service Center reports a busy month during April with more than 1100 persons interviewed and a total of 2300 services rendered. Some of the services listed by the center are as follows:

Veterans applying for apprenticeship training, 211; education, 122; housing, 177; home loans, 99; farm loans, 12; business loans, 5; vet inquiries and changes regarding insurance, 87, and 32 claims for pensions. In addition to this, 130 letters were written by the service center staff for veterans to governmental agencies.

J. G. Caldwell, VSC director here, announced a new branch office has been opened in Long Beach at 533 Ocean Center building for the purpose of handling insurance collections. This office, Caldwell said, is in charge of Herman McCall who is a disabled veteran of the last World War.

Veterans seeking priorities for surplus property are advised to contact the offices of 3836 Beverly Blvd., Los Angeles.



DIRECTOR . . . John A. McCone, president of Joshua Hendy Iron Works, Torrance and Sunnyvale, has been elected a director of the California State Chamber of Commerce.

## Ten Million Only Needed For New Schools

A Los Angeles City School bond issue of \$10,000,000 would meet presiding needs of the district handsomely, according to a survey made by James O. Stevenson, of United Taxpayers, Inc., in urging the defeat of the \$75,000,000 issue which has been proposed.

"If the \$75,000,000 bond issue is defeated, it is certain that bonds to meet actual needs as they appear from year to year will have approval," Stevenson said.

"Most of the voters who will pass on these issues do not know or remember that school bonds outstanding total \$40,000,000.

"If contracts are let for this kind of construction it will be in competition with the home building program and will increase the cost and delay construction of needed industrial and commercial buildings as well.

"It is rumored that the school board may sell their \$75 million issue at once to take advantage of low interest rates, although the bonds are intended to meet capital needs over a ten year period. Low interest rates, however, may be more than offset by high building costs; and who knows what political pressure may be exerted to dictate the expenditure of such a large sum of money.

"If taxpayers are wise they will not approve new bond issues until reconversion is more of an accomplished fact and the needs of the future are more clearly seen.

## Menus To Save Wheat Being Prepared By State

The ingenuity of the California housewife in preparing wholesome, appetizing, satisfying meals with alternates for grain products is a major factor in food conservation while the United States is sending wheat and rice to starvation areas.

This was reported to Governor Earl Warren by Anthony Lorenz of Los Angeles, chairman of the recently created State Food Saving Project Committee. He announced:

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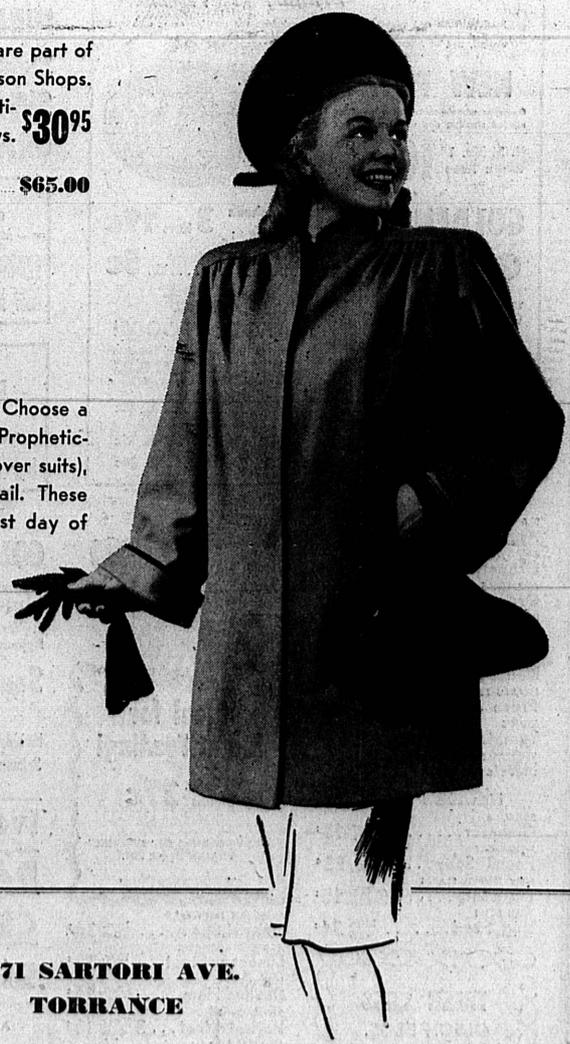
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